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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to an oral suspension of tegaserod or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. In particular, it relates to an oral suspension comprising a power comprising an effective amount of tegaserod or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in a beverage, e.g. apple juice.

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